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Inmate Death at FCI Beaumont (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, December 17, 2020, inmate Armando Ramirez tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Beaumont (Low) in Beaumont, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Monday, December 28, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Ramirez was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Saturday, March 27, 2021, Mr. Ramirez was evaluated by institution medical staff for shortness of breath, and became unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Ramirez was transported by EMS to a local hospital. Subsequently on the same day, Mr. Ramirez, who had pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Ramirez was a 71-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas to an aggregate 384-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Internal Revenue and Income Tax Evasion, and Escape from Federal Custody. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex Beaumont since December 28, 2007.

FCI Beaumont (Low) is a low security facility that currently houses 1,486 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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